

# Longest Night of Earthly Vigil

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Melody: PICARDY

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Lon - gest night of earth - ly vi - gil  
Rank on rank the hosts of hea - ven  
Moon and stars of night are fa - ding  
All the night we've kept in so - rrow,  
On the mo - rrow we a - noint Thee  
Fare - well, O our Friend and Mas - ter!

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'fore the rock now keeps the Bride.  
Took their leave so si - lent ly.  
And the sun no more will rise.  
Yet the dark has just be - gun.  
If the rock will bend a - way.  
Now we take our bi - tter leave!

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Ta - ken from the bloo - dy si - gil  
Hast Thou lost that ho - ly lea - ven  
Yet, de - par - ting, some faint sha - ding  
Re - turn shall we on the mo - rrow  
For myrrh makes the dead smell sweet - ly  
Fare - well, O our wolf - maimed Pas - tor!

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In the Tomb He'll e'er a - bide.  
Which would raise Thee glor - i - ous - ly?  
In the dark - ness piques our eyes.  
And each night till time has run.  
But can God re - deem death's prey?  
At the blood of dawn, we grieve!

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Christ the Lord to earth de - scen - ded,  
O black earth re - lease Him now!